

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 1-28, 43 and 44 are now pending. Claims 29-42 have been canceled.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, the Examiner has entered a two-way Restriction Requirement as follows:

Group I – Claims 1-30, 43 and 44, directed to a method of analyzing a fluid sample; and

Group II – Claims 31-42 directed to a sensor device.

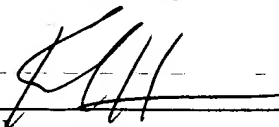
Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the Group I claims – that is, original claims 1-30, 43 and 44. However, since claims 29 and 30 have already issued in the parent application (*see* U.S. Patent No. 6,200,814), Applicants have cancelled claims 29 and 30 to avoid statutory double patenting. Applicants have also cancelled claims 31-42 without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application.

A good faith effort has been made to comply with the Restriction Requirement. However, should any further issue require attention in this regard, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (206) 622-4900 to resolve the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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